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Cooperatives in social development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 64/136 of 18 December 2009, by which it proclaimed the year 2012 the International Year of Cooperatives, and encouraged all Member States, as well as the United Nations and all other relevant stakeholders, to take advantage of the International Year of Cooperatives as a way of promoting cooperatives and raising awareness of their contribution to social and economic development,

1. *Decides* to convene, at its sixty-sixth session, one plenary meeting of the General Assembly devoted to the launch of the International Year of Cooperatives 2012, within existing resources;

2. *Also decides* to hold, prior to the plenary meeting, an informal, interactive round-table discussion among Member States, observers, organizations of the United Nations system, cooperatives and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Further decides* that the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States, should decide on the theme of the informal round table as well as which Member State should chair the round-table discussion;

4. *Decides* that one representative of cooperatives, nominated by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with Member States and relevant representatives of cooperatives, shall orally present a summary of the informal

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round-table discussion to the General Assembly at the beginning of the plenary meeting;

5. *Invites* Member States to consider including representatives of cooperatives in their delegations or, as appropriate, being represented by representatives of cooperatives at the General Assembly plenary meeting on this occasion, as well as at the informal round-table discussion, bearing in mind the principle of gender balance;

6. *Invites* all Member States to consider taking action towards establishing national mechanisms, such as national committees, to prepare for, observe and follow up on the International Year of Cooperatives, in particular for the purpose of planning, stimulating and harmonizing the activities of the governmental and non-governmental agencies and organizations concerned with the preparations for and observance of the International Year.